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Application No. 09/867,749
Docket No. 111325-64**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A rights management system for managing and enforcing rights to use digital works comprising:

at least one repository for enforcing rights associated with content;

one or more conditional consequential rights that are linked to another right associated with content, and are exercisable only upon expiration or exercise of the another right; and

a right management module that manages the one or more conditional consequential rights by enforcing use of the content based on the consequential rights, and permitting exercise of the consequential rights only after expiration or exercise of the another right to thereby provide sequential access to content in accordance with the another right and the consequential rights.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights comprise one or more usage rights and one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential values.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the ~~conditional~~ consequential values comprise at least one of an absolute value and a relative value that at least one of allow access or restrict access to one or more digital works.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights are associated with one or more digital works.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, books, documents, audio information, music, multimedia presentations and video information.

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7. (Currently Amended) A method of managing and enforcing rights to use digital works in a system having at least one repository for enforcing rights associated with content of the digital works, the method comprising the steps of:

electronically determining one or more ~~econditional~~ consequential rights, the consequential rights being linked to another right associated with content and being exercisable only upon expiration or exercise of the another right; and

associating the one or more ~~econditional~~ consequential rights with ~~one or more digital works content~~; and

enforcing use of the content based on the consequential rights, and permitting exercise of the consequential rights only after expiration or exercise of the another right to thereby provide sequential access to content in accordance with the another right and the consequential rights.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more ~~econditional~~ consequential rights comprise one or more usage rights and one or more ~~econditional~~ consequential values.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~econditional~~ consequential values comprise at least one of an absolute value and a relative value that at least one of allow access or restrict access to one or more digital works.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more ~~econditional~~ consequential rights are associated with one or more portions of information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, music, multimedia presentations and video information.

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13. (Currently Amended) A digital rights management language for managing and enforcing rights to use digital works in a system having at least one repository for enforcing rights associated with content of the digital works, the language comprising:

one or more usage rights that define the manner in which content can be used; and

one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights that are linked to another usage right associated with content, the consequential rights being exercisable only upon expiration or exercise of the another usage right; and

enforcement instruction that enforces the use of the content based on the consequential rights, and permits exercise of the consequential rights only after expiration or exercise of the another usage right to thereby provide sequential access to content in accordance with the another right and the consequential rights.

14. (Original) The language of claim 13, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

15. (Currently Amended) The language of claim 13, wherein the ~~conditional~~ consequential rights comprise at least one trigger that at least one of allows access or restricts access to one or more digital works.

16. (Currently Amended) An information storage media with information for managing and enforcing rights to use digital works in a system having at least one repository for enforcing rights associated with content of the digital works, the information storage media comprising:

information that determines one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights, the consequential rights being linked to another right associated with content and exercisable only upon expiration or exercise of the another right; and

information that associates the one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights with one or more ~~digital works~~ content; and

information that enforces use of the content based on the consequential rights, and permits exercise of the consequential rights only after expiration or exercise

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of the another right to thereby provide sequential access to content in accordance with the another right and the consequential rights.

17. (Currently Amended) The media of claim 16, wherein the one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential rights comprise one or more usage rights and one or more ~~conditional~~ consequential values.

18. (Original) The media of claim 17, wherein the usage rights comprise at least one of viewing, printing, editing, approving, modifying, updating and copying.

19. (Currently Amended) The media of claim 17, wherein the ~~conditional~~ consequential values comprise at least one of an absolute value and a relative value that at least one of allow access or restrict access to one or more digital works.

20. (Original) The media of claim 19, wherein the absolute value is at least one of a time, a date, an identity and a location.

21. (Original) The media of claim 19, wherein the relative value is at least one of based on the status of one or more other usage rights, and one or more events.

22. (Original) The media of claim 16, wherein the digital works comprise at least one of E-Books, books, music, audio information, multimedia presentations and video information.